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LIMDIS

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SUBJECT: NEXT STEPS IN EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE

REF: (A) CAIRO 1924; (B) USMISSION EEC BRUSSELS 1334

1. FCO CONFIRMS REFTEL (B) (NOT SENT CAIRO OR BEIRUT) THAT DANES HAVE AGREED TO EC COMPROMISE PROPOSAL. IT IS NOW UP TO ITALIANS TO APPROACH ARAB LEAGUE IN CAIRO, AND PRESIDENT IN BEIRUT.

2. FCO ANTICIPATES SOME HESITATION ON PART OF MORE RADICAL ARABS TO ACCEPT "DENATIONALIZED" COMPROMISE ESPECIALLY NOW THAT PRESS HAS CARRIED DETAILED STORIES ABOUT EC DECISIONS, INCLUDING EC READINESS TO PUBLICIZE ITS OBJECTIONS TO AN OBSERVER ROLE FOR PLO IF ARABS TRY TO PUBLICIZE THIS COMPROMISE AS SOME SORT OF EC RECOGNI-
TION OF THE PLO. FCO HAS PICKED UP SOME NEGATIVE RUM-
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BLINGS FROM ARAB AMBASSADORS IN BRUSSELS. HOWEVER,

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BRITISH VIEW COMPROMISE AS SOMETHING THAT ARAB LEAGUE AND
ITS PRESIDENT WILL HAVE TO SELL TO OTHER ARAB STATES.
THEY ARE WILLING TO WAIT.

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